

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2004

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on April 26, 2004 in Room 830 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Jernigan called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., followed by introductions. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Jernigan
Vice President Mariajimenez
Treasurer Lesser
Commissioner Creary
Commissioner Duba
Commissioner Gravely
Commissioner Mummey
Commissioner Rodriguez

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2004

On motion of Commissioner Mummey, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and duly carried, with Vice President Mariajimenez and Treasurer Lesser abstaining, the minutes of April 12, 2004 were approved with the following correction on page 4:

Commissioner Mummey announced that she will speak at the AAUW's Older Women's Fair at Pierce College on October 9, 2004.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(Commissioner Cooperman joined the meeting).

President Jernigan reported the following:

- On April 17, 2004 her grandson was honored at the "Man on the Move" Annual Dinner at the Cerritos Performing Arts Center.
- She attended an April 13, 2004 Women's Advisory Board event featuring Women of the Year Awardee Lisa Love.
- On April 20 she and Commissioner Lewis attended the 1736 Crisis Center's 30th Anniversary honoring Julie Knabe and featuring State Attorney General Bill Lockyer.
- On April 21 she and Commissioner Duba attended the 2004 Northrop Grumman Corporation Community Grant Awards. Commissioner Duba then announced that Northrop Grumman awarded the Commission a \$15,000 grant for this year's 5k Run/Walk.
- She received thank you letters from various Women of the Year Awardees.

- She spoke on various *Los Angeles Times* articles on the impact of budget cuts to programs in the Sheriff's Department and Health Services.
- Staff sent another letter to Sheriff Baca expressing concern about the early release of inmates.
- Cynthia Toussaint sent her a note of appreciation following her April 12, 2004 presentation to the Commission.

STAFF REPORT

(Commissioner Perkins joined the meeting during the Staff Report.)

Staff reported the following:

- The Board of Supervisors proclaimed Saturday, April 24, 2004 "Southern California AIDS Walk Day" and encouraged support for the Regional AIDS Walk for Minority Women and Children at Cal State Dominguez Hills.
- The 35th Annual NACW National Convention will be held July 14-18, 2004 in Pasadena, CA. The NACW Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations for the NACW Fiscal Year election of directors at large, which will be held during the convention.
- The Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women will be contacting the Commission regarding partnering and sponsorship opportunities for the NACW Convention.
- The ACCW Convention will be held in Pasadena on July 13, 2004.
- Tomorrow the Board of Supervisors will vote on proclaiming May 2-8, 2004 "Nurse Recognition Week."
- The Earthquake and All-Hazards Emergency Preparedness Expo will be Thursday, April 29, 2004 in the 2nd Floor Hall of Administration Lobby.

PRESENTATION ON ASSESSING EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP STYLES FOR WOMEN

Ms. Alicia Jacobs, the Ajament Partners, stressed the need for women to assess and understand their leadership style in order to communicate effectively. She defined several types of leadership styles, including autocratic, democratic, charismatic and laissez faire, emphasizing that an effective leader knows how to incorporate each style whenever appropriate. She went on to highlight various leadership style assessments, such as Style Analysis (DISC), Relationship Awareness, BEST Communications, FIROS B and Myers Briggs. She concluded by challenging the Commissioners to evaluate and strengthen their individual communication styles.

President Jernigan thanked Ms. Jacobs for her enlightening presentation.

PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED STATE BUDGET CUTS TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(Commissioner Becerra-Jones joined the meeting during the presentation.)

Vice President Mariajimenez introduced Ms. Barbara Frankel, Supervising Attorney for the Health Consumer Center of Neighborhood Legal Services.

In her overview of the Governor's proposed budget cuts to California Health and Human Services, Ms. Frankel noted the following:

- Proposed budget cuts to Health and Human Services for Fiscal Year 2004-05 are \$1.9 billion.
- Enrollment caps would be placed on Healthy Families and various Medi-Cal programs.
- If funding for Health Families programs is reduced, federal matching funds would be lost.
- Tiering of benefits and co-pays for users are proposed for various Medi-Cal programs.
- Enrollment caps are proposed for prenatal programs, even though for every dollar spent on these programs, \$3.38 is saved in the first year and \$9 to \$10 in rehabilitation care.
- Proposed caps would cut 1,256 children from the California Children's Services program.
- Proposed enrollment caps on the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) would adversely impact HIV and AIDS patients who require expensive medication.
- Significant reductions in SSI and Cal Works monthly payments are proposed.
- The proposed cutbacks would diminish the quality of health care for Los Angeles County residents, resulting in increased County hospital visits and costs.
- For further information about the proposed cuts contact the Health Consumer Center of Los Angeles at (800) 896-3230.

President Jernigan thanked Ms. Frankel for her informative presentation.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF TWO TICKETS TO "EVENING OF JUNGLE FEVER" EVENT

On motion of Commissioner Cooperman, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the purchase of two tickets at \$125 each to the Mary Magdalene Project's "Evening of Jungle Fever" event on May 15, 2004 at the Los Angeles Zoo.

Commissioners Becerra-Jones and Cooperman expressed interest in attending.

(Vice President Mariajimenez was excused from the meeting.)

APPROVE MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION TO WOMEN AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

On motion of Commissioner Mummey, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved \$75 for an annual membership and donation to Women Against Gun Violence.

APPROVE TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES FOR ACCW CONFERENCE

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Treasurer Lesser, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved transportation expenses up to \$450 for the Commission Delegate to attend the ACCW Conference from May 7-9, 2004 in Asilomar, California.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health Committee:

Commissioner Creary announced the Revlon Run/Walk on Saturday, May 8, 2004 and the next Committee meeting on May 10, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 830

Domestic Violence Subcommittee: The Committee will meet on Monday, May 24, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 830.

Legislative Committee: There was no report.

Media/Public Relations Committee: There was no report.

Nominating Committee: The Committee will meet Monday, May 10, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 374-L.

Older Women's Issues Committee: Commissioner Mummey requested that the Commission agendaize a donation to the October 9, 2004 Older Women's Fair at Pierce College. President Jernigan requested her to submit written information on the event. Commissioner Mummey also recommended reading the Sweatshop Watch Quarterly Report.

5k Run/Walk Subcommittee: The Committee will meet Wednesday, May 26, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 374-L.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Becerra-Jones announced a rally on cutbacks to student services on April 27, 2004 at 12:00 p.m. in Sacramento. She also spoke on a *Los Angeles Times* article on barriers girls throughout the world face in attending school. She further commented on how state lottery money is being used in public schools.

Commissioner Rodriguez announced that the Domestic Violence Council celebrated its 25th Anniversary Celebration and she also reported on domestic violence workshops at Mount St. Mary's College. Emphasizing the need to fund a permanent Executive Director position for the Domestic Violence Council, she requested that the Commission agendize making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on this matter.

Commissioner Cooperman reported that she attended a meeting on human trafficking and participated in a panel on pay equity.

Treasurer Lesser announced her participation in the American Heart Association Western Region's board meeting in June. She also reported on the Richstone Walk and on her involvement in issues concerning homeland security.

Commissioner Creary announced the NAACP Legal Defense Fund's Annual Luncheon today at 12:30 p.m. at the Omni Hotel in Los Angeles.

Commissioner Perkins reported on the African American Women's Council's Annual Awards Luncheon honoring Captain Veronica Small and on a Women's Town Hall meeting.

Treasurer Lesser and Commissioner Gravely expressed interest in participating in planning for the NACW Convention in Pasadena.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Becerra-Jones requested a future presentation on educational issues.

Commissioner Perkins requested a presentation on Habitat for Humanities and a Commission or committee discussion on the Commission's spending priorities.

Commissioner Rodriguez requested that the Commission agendize reimbursement for payment of the Violence Intervention Program's screening cards.

Treasurer Lesser requested that the Commission agendize designating her as the Commission's representative on board of the American Heart Association.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Ruth Jernigan, President
Yvonne Mariajimenez, Esq., Vice President
Charlotte Lesser, Treasurer
Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Roslyn Cooperman
Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.
Reiko Duba
Wadie Gravely
Janet Mummey, Esq.
Barbara Perkins
Olivia G. Rodriguez

EXCUSED

Bonnie J. Lewis
Lila Morgan

UNEXCUSED

Karin Davalos
Sophia Esparza

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Khanh Nguyen, Executive Office
B. Eugene Romig, Executive Office
Twila Kerr, Executive Office
Steve Erickson, Executive Office
Audra Galang, Executive Office

GUESTS

Barbara Frankel, Neighborhood Legal Services
Alicia Jacobs, The Ajament Partners